

others will be nothing more than the death knell rather than the refurbishing of those towns. So I would urge you to reject the Landis amendment. It is strictly designed to espouse strictly the union point of view of, hands off, this is us. Now in talking to union members a lot of them would stand up but they are absolutely scared and that is the truth and it is terrible to say but it is the truth. So I urge you to reject the amendment and have the courage to adopt the proposal in its original form.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON PRESIDING

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. President and members, I, too, rise in opposition to the amendment presented by Senator Landis. The purpose of the resolution is simply a continuation of efforts to bring two parties together to arrive at a reasonable conclusion and to solve a problem and bring a thousand people back to work. We started this back in the end of December when I first contacted the Governor and he used his office and worked tirelessly himself in bringing these two parties together. So far it appears that someone is dragging their feet and without making any accusations against anybody we simply want to create a climate where we can bring these two parties together so that a thousand people can go back to work. Senator Hoagland mentioned that we are in the middle of a session and we are too busy to be concerned about a thousand people who are out of work. I disagree with that conclusion. Now Senator Landis is concerned about the federal government, the union, the companies and conducting business as usual. I submit to you that this is not a time when business should be conducted as it is usually. We have people out of work and I think this is an emergency situation. It demands emergency measures and for that reason I oppose the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Hefner. Is Senator Hefner here to speak? Here he comes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I am sorry I am late this morning. Are we still on the amendment? I oppose this amendment and I want to commend Senators Chronister and DeCamp for bringing this before us. In talking to some of the workers, they want to go back to work or a lot of them do anyway and I think it is time that we get interested in what is going on in our state. The company says it is losing money and I believe them and I think we need to do something. We say, well, we can't, our hands are tied, the federal government is in the negotiations but I think that it is about time that local government, we, in the State Legislature get involved with this and I think by having this resolution and by having our Business and Labor Committee do a little investigating, I think this is real good. If we don't do anything we know what will happen. That plant will probably